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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CANADIAN DRAFT ON FOLLOW-UP INSTITUTIONS, ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS SINCE IT WILL BE ONE OF DRAFTS PRESENTED TO CONTACT GROUP THURSDAY MORNING, AND MAY BE GROUP B DRAFT MOST ACCEPTABLE TO G-77. (IT IS NOT CANADIAN PROPOSAL, BUT DRAFT PREPARED BY CANADIAN DELEGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO GROUP B THINKING). WE WOULD ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURES IN PARTS II AND III OF DRAFT, WHICH MAY BE TAKEN OVER IN CONCEPT IN OTHER DRAFTS.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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1. A WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT THE MINISTERIAL

(POLICY-MAKING) LEVEL AS AN AUTONOMOUS ORGAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SERVE AS A MECHANISM TO PROVIDE OVERALL INTEGRATED AND CONTINUING ATTENTION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNING FOOD PRODUCTION, NUTRITION, FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD AID AS WELL AS OTHER RELATED MATTERS

(INCLUDING FOOD TRADE);

2. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF 15-20 MEMBERS, ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS, NAMED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION BALANCED REGIONAL REPRESENTATION WITH AN ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF MAJOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS OF BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS, AND INCLUDING IN AN EX OFFICIO CAPACITY THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE IBRD, THE FAO AND THE WFP. (EXECUTIVE HEADS OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES MAY ATTEND AS OBSERVERS.);

3. THE DELIBERATION OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE PRESIDED OVER BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND SHALL BE SERVICED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

4. THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW PERIODICALLY MAJOR PROBLEMS AND POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND ACTION PROPOSED OR BEING TAKEN TO RESOLVE THEM, AND SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE. THE SCOPE OF THE COUNCIL'S REVIEWS SHALL EXTEND TO ALL FACETS OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TOWARDS THE REQUISITE SOLUTIONS;

5. IN ITS WORK, THE COUNCIL SHALL GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO:  
A) THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND  
B) THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES AS IDENTIFIED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SUBSEQUENT

TO ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION;

6. TO ASSIST IT IN ITS PERIODIC REVIEW AND EXAMINATION OF ISSUES THE COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE REPORTS FROM AND OFFER GUIDELINES TO INTERNATIONAL

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ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE TASK OF EVOLVING AND MANAGING WORLD FOOD POLICIES IN A COHERENT

AND CONVERGENT MANNER;

7. THE COUNCIL WILL REPORT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL;

8. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS MAY CONVENE THE COUNCIL, AT SHORT NOTICE, TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY FOOD PROBLEMS.

KK. COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

1. A COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FAO, WHICH SHALL DRAW ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AND OTHER RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND WHICH SHALL PROVIDE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO ASSIST IT IN ITS PERIODIC REVIEWS.

2. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) TO KEEP THE CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE DEMAND, SUPPLY AND STOCK POSITION FOR BASIC FOOD STUFF UNDER CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND DISSEMINATE TIMELY INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS;
- B) TO MAKE PERIODIC EVALUATIONS OF THE ADEQUACY OF CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STOCK LEVELS, IN AGGREGATE IN EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES, FOR ASSURING A REGULAR FLOW OF SUPPLIES OF BASIC FOOD STUFF TO MEET REQUIREMENTS IN DOMESTIC AND WORLD MARKETS, INCLUDING FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS, IN TIME OF SHORT CROPS AND SERIOUS CROP FAILURES;
- C) TO REVIEW THE STEPS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING;
- D) TO RECOMMEND SUCH SHORT-TERM AND LONGER-TERM POLICY ACTION AS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO REMEDY ANY DIFFICULTY FORESEEN IN ASSURING ADEQUATE CEREAL SUPPLIES FOR MINIMUM WORLD FOOD SECURITY.

III. COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

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ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM WHICH SHALL EVOLVE AND COORDINATE THE SHORT-TERM AND LONGER-TERM FOOD AID POLICY RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE, IN ADDITION TO CARRYING OUT THE PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE; AND WHICH SHALL PROVIDE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO ASSIST IT IN ITS PERIODIC REVIEWS.

2. THE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW PERIODICALLY GENERAL TRENDS IN FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS AND FOOD AID AVAILABILITIES; AND SHALL PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITIES OF SECURING IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FOOD AID. END TEXTVOLPE

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